

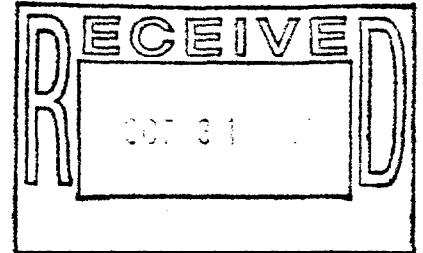


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Food and Drug Administration  
200 C Street, SW (HFS-450)  
Washington, D.C. 20204



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Total Health System supplement under the DEI brand name:

- Minerals are essential for all living tissue and are one of the nutritional factors important for muscles, bones and blood.
- Total Health System contains a wide array of joint support, probiotic, antioxidant and food factors to give you comprehensive nutritional support.
- Total Health System contains an herbal/nutritional antioxidant blend that is important for fighting oxidative stress.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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